

CLAIMS:

1. A method of operating a network between a plurality of communication apparatuses (1, 2, 5 to 8) each having a token (3, 9 to 12, 15) identifying a communication apparatus (1, 2, 5 to 8) via an apparatus address, and at least one communication apparatus used as a token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14), in which the apparatus address of a first communication apparatus (1), stored in the token (3, 9 to 12, 15) is read by the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14), and the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14) builds up a connection with the first communication apparatus (1) by means of the apparatus address, and/or the apparatus address is transmitted by the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14) to at least a second communication apparatus (2), and the second communication apparatus (2) builds up a connection with the first communication apparatus (1).
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2. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the network is a network operating in accordance with the Bluetooth standard.
- 15 3. A method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that at least the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14) and the first communication apparatus (1) are provided for forming a piconetwork.
4. A method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the token read apparatus (13 and 14) fulfills the function of a master and further communication apparatuses (1, 2, 5 to 8) fulfill the function of slaves in the network.
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5. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a password stored in the token (3, 9 to 12, 15) is read by the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14).
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6. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14) is provided for accommodating a given number of tokens (3, 9 to 12, 15).

7. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the token (3, 9 to 12, 15) comprises information about network resources.

8. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the token (3, 9 to 12, 15) comprises information about a release of documents.

9. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a plurality of tokens (9, 15) is assigned to a communication apparatus (1, 2, 5 to 8) and a token identification number (token-ID) is assigned to each token (9, 15).

10. A method as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that an assignment of the token identification number and a name (list-ID) identifying a list of documents is stored in a communication apparatus (1, 2, 5 to 8) operating as a slave.

11. A method as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the list of documents consists of a document identification unit (file-ID) and a path assigned to the document identification unit.

12. A method as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that a communication apparatus (13 and 14) operating as a master stores an assignment consisting of apparatus addresses and token-IDs.

13. A method as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that the communication apparatus (1, 2, 5 to 8) operating as a slave stores an assignment of token identification numbers and apparatus addresses of the communication apparatuses operating as masters (13 and 14).

14. A communication system comprising a plurality of communication apparatuses (1, 2, 5 to 8) and each with a token (3, 9 to 12, 15) identifying a communication apparatus (1, 2, 5 to 8) via an apparatus address, as well as at least one communication apparatus used as a token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14), wherein:

- the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14) is provided for reading the apparatus address of a first communication apparatus (1), stored in the token (3, 9 to 12, 15); and

- the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14) is provided for building up a connection with the first communication apparatus (1) by means of the apparatus address; and/or
- the token read apparatus (4, 13 and 14) is provided for transmitting the
5 apparatus address to at least a second communication apparatus (2), and the second communication apparatus (2) is provided to build up a connection with the first communication apparatus (1).